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# BROMSGROVE



**Important Council Tax  
information inside**



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District Council

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## Message From the District Leader

When we sent out the last Council Tax bills, like the rest of Bromsgrove we had no idea we would be on the periphery of a global pandemic just weeks later. We had

to make some quick decisions, sending our staff, where possible, to work from home and closing our public buildings to keep everyone safe. I am proud that we had the infrastructure in place to be able to do this and also, as you can see from the numbers in the article opposite, that we carried on delivering our services. We also worked with our partners including Public Health England, the County Council and Police to ensure we were aware of the number of Covid Cases and

data around these figures so we could target our communications with residents accordingly. I think in times like these we also see the best of people and I was truly moved when I heard about the kindness of people who volunteered to help others who were struggling in their communities. I don't know what our 'new normal' will look like but I am pleased that we are still on track to deliver our big projects including regeneration of Bromsgrove High Street. We are still committed to providing a Better Bromsgrove for everyone to live, work and play in! Please stay safe and continue to follow Government guidance.

*Bromsgrove District Council Leader,  
Karen May*

## Claiming Universal Credit?

If you have made a claim to Universal Credit and are in rented accommodation, have you included your housing costs in your claim?

If not you will need to make a 'Change of Circumstances' online through your account to let Universal Credit know that you pay your rent and how much you pay. They will then verify your housing costs and adjust your account accordingly.



The only figures we seem to see these days are related to Coronavirus, so here are some of our interesting statistics from January 2020 - February 2021. Our staff, whether front line or working from home, have worked hard to keep local services running throughout the pandemic.



Our crews have collected over **1.9 million household waste bins** and **half a million garden waste bins!** (Jan - Dec 2020)

Delivered **17 themed instalments of an online campaign** @ encouraging residents to get creative at home.

Starting Well Worcestershire\* delivered **78 hampers (including 25 over Christmas)** containing healthy ingredients and recipes to families across Bromsgrove and Redditch, impacting on **171 children**.



**Completed 357 parenting clinics** and continued to run 7 parenting groups, impacting on **508 children** in Bromsgrove and Redditch.



Environmental Services Support Team **answered 40,469 phone calls** and **22,156 emails** about bin collections, cleansing, fly tipping etc. between Jan to Dec 2020



**Helped 28 homeowners** in Bromsgrove District with broken heating systems to get their homes warm again through our Bromsgrove and Redditch Energy Advice Service

Starting Well Worcestershire\* supported **174 families** with Family Information Service enquiries (accessing childcare funding) across Bromsgrove and Redditch



Installed **6 new recycling bins** on Bromsgrove High Street so that visitors can recycle on the go.



Starting Well Worcestershire\* completed **101 Shielded wellbeing checks** across Bromsgrove and Redditch

**Supported 16 local fitness instructors**

to upskill to meet local health priorities during lockdown including the delivery of virtual classes



Our Main Customer Services Team have responded to **7,455 customer calls** in the past 6 months (Aug 2020 - Jan 2021 inclusive).



Our crews emptied **1,691 Septic tanks** in 2020



Starting Well Worcestershire\* gave out **200 pumpkins** for Halloween (across Bromsgrove and Redditch), impacting over **170 children** and 10 were donated to a care home.



Got the ball rolling for the **installation of 13 new EV rapid charge points** across Bromsgrove

**3,889 phone calls answered by benefits**

officers offering support to customers who needed assistance with benefit claims and other financial support since the beginning of lockdown 23rd March 2020





## Useful contacts:

**Main Council Contact:** 01527 881288  
**Emergency out of hours:** 01527 871565

**Benefit enquiries:** 01527 881213  
benefits@bromsgrove.gov.uk

**Business Rates:** 01527 881671  
business.rates@bromsgrove.gov.uk

**Council Tax:** 01527 881671  
council.tax@bromsgrove.gov.uk

### Environmental Services:

*Including - bin queries, domestic waste, business waste, assisted collections, garden waste, septic tank and cesspool emptying, litter, landscape and trees, street cleaning, MOT testing and more.*  
01527 881188

bsu@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

**Freedom of Information:** 01527 64252  
foi@bromsgrove.gov.uk

**Parking:** 01386 565009  
bdcparking@bromsgrove.gov.uk

**Planning Enquiries:**  
01527 881770  
newplan@  
bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

**Revenues:** 01527 881671  
revenues@bromsgrove.gov.uk

**Room Bookings:** 01527 881478  
roombookings@  
bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

**Starting Well Worcestershire:**  
01527 835775 or 07943832294

### Worcestershire Regulatory Services:

*Including - Licensing, Food Hygiene, Taxis, Environmental Health, Dog Wardens, Pest Control etc.*  
More details available here:  
www.worcsregservices.gov.uk  
01905 822799  
enquiries@worcsregservices.gov.uk

## ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A NEW WAY TO PROMOTE YOUR BUSINESS?

### Sponsor a roundabout.

Increased awareness among the community

Potential to be seen 10,000 times per day

Advertise to thousands of people  
24/7, 365 days a year

Buy one or more slots or even a  
whole roundabout

Your own personalised landmark

Support a scheme that helps  
improve the local environment

*Flexible pricing options are available.*

**Contact the team on 01527 881377 or email:**  
**sponsorship@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk**



## Do you live in Bromsgrove?

**Do you want to be asked your opinion on the decisions that help shape your community and drive the future of Bromsgrove?**

As a member of the Community Panel it's easy to have your say.

**For residents of Bromsgrove only**  
**Regular surveys on local issues**  
**Invites to discussion meetings**

You can do as little or as much as you like by registering your email address.

Register for the **Community Panel** at:

www.bromsgrove.gov.uk  
/communitypanel

**Your views can make a difference.**

## #BIRDBOX TAKES FLIGHT

Sandwiched between lockdowns and stay at home messages, summer 2020 provided some freedom and some good times. In Bromsgrove, summer brought the launch of the Birdbox, hatching a brand-new space for events, pop up business ventures and resident relaxation.

Roosting on the old Market Hall site, Birdbox came alive with pop up restaurants selling goodies, visitors enjoying takeaway food and drinks from local retailers and socially distanced seating. The turn-out was amazing.

Unfortunately, owing to the pandemic, the Birdbox couldn't be used to its full potential but over the course of the next year - when guidance allows - it is hoped that the space will host live entertainment, more pop-up restaurants and street food, craft and art events, family events, opportunities for fledgling businesses and more. The sky is the limit!

In the meantime, this space is available to be used all year round for people to enjoy their lunch, a drink or just relax quietly and read on the grassy blocks. Grab some food or a drink from a local retailer to enjoy at the Birdbox and you'll also be supporting

local business after many have spent a lot of time closed during the last 12 months.

We will keep you up to date with any news on events and dates for your diary via insta and Facebook - we'll see you there!



# We are supporting businesses in North Worcestershire

North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration (NWEDR) provides services on behalf of Bromsgrove, Redditch Borough and Wyre Forest District Councils.

Visit us at [www.nwedr.org.uk](http://www.nwedr.org.uk)

Connect with us to

- Register for our free online newsletter
- Find out about upcoming business events
- See videos of North Worcestershire businesses
- Follow us on Twitter @NorthWorcsEDR
- Join our Linked In group North Worcs EDR

North Worcestershire Economic Development and Regeneration  
Wyre Forest House Finepoint Way Kidderminster DY11 7WF  
Tel 08456015953  
e-mail [info@nwedr.org.uk](mailto:info@nwedr.org.uk)



## Worcestershire Starting Well Service 0 - 19

### Groups for Parents & Carers

We host a variety of groups from pre birth to 19 years for you as parents/carers to help you bring out the best in your children.

To find out more contact your local family hub or visit

[www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk](http://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)

### Childcare Choices Looking for help with your childcare cost?

Please go to

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

or ring your local family hub.

### Do you need support from a Health Visitor?

Call the Health Visitor Telephone Advisory Service on **0300 123 9551**

### Healthy Start Vitamins

Pregnant women, women with a child under 12 months and children aged from 6 months to 4 years who are receiving Healthy Start vouchers are entitled to free Healthy Start Vitamins. Healthy Start Vitamins contain vitamins A, C & D for children aged from 6 months to 4 years and folic acid and vitamins C & D for pregnant and breastfeeding women.

To apply and find out more information about Healthy Start Vitamins please go to [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk)

[www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk](http://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)

### Are you worried about a child?

If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm contact the Police on 999.

If you need family support or have any concerns around child protection or safeguarding contact the **Family Front Door** by calling **01905 822666**

For out of office hours call **01905 768020**  
[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/areyouworriedaboutachild](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/areyouworriedaboutachild)

### Do you need support breastfeeding?

For further information and details on the peer support group, contact the Starting Well Breastfeeding Support Team via email: [whcnhs.breastfeedingsupport@nhs.net](mailto:whcnhs.breastfeedingsupport@nhs.net) or visit the Starting Well website

[www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk](http://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk)

### What's on in your community?

Contact your local family hub for information on fun local groups, volunteering opportunities and information on many other services.

**Bromsgrove** - Pear Tree Family Hub,  
Broad St, Bromsgrove, B61 8LW  
**01527 835775 or 07943 832294**

**Redditch** -  
Holly Trees Family Hub,  
St Stephen's First School, Mabey Ave,  
Riverside, Redditch,  
B98 8HW **01527 61360**  
**or 07506 554297**



Starting Well Partnership  
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**Providing peace of mind 24 hours a day 365 days a year**

**Support to live independently at home from NEW Lifeline.**

- Portable pendant to call for help in an emergency at any time, day or night
- Monitoring Centre Operators will receive the call and assist
- No phone line required
- Many extra features available: fall detection, emergency location pinpointing, mobile version that even works away from home



**Contact us on 01527 534060  
or [lifeline@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:lifeline@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk)**



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# » Active Bromsgrove

## Health and Exercise



ESCAPE-pain and ESCAPE-pain for backs is designed for people living with knee, hip, joint or lower back pain.

A rehabilitation programme that integrates educational self-management and coping strategies with an exercise plan tailored to each participant.

Research shows that ESCAPE-pain:

- Reduces pain
- Improves physical function
- Improves the psychosocial consequences of pain

**FREE** education and exercise programme following the **NHS BETTER HEALTH** app with additional help and support along the way.

Healthy snacks provided.

**Better Health**  
in **12** weeks



- Set weight loss goals
- Plan your meals
- Use the BMI calculator to customise your plan
- Make healthier food choices
- Get more active, burn more calories
- Record your activity and progress

## Shopmobility

If you have difficulty walking you can register to use our **FREE** equipment to help you get around Bromsgrove town centre, six days a week.

**Battery powered wheelchairs and scooters**  
**Manual wheelchairs**

*We will help you to decide on the right equipment for you and show you how to use it and bring it out to you at our specially designated parking spaces.*



In order to use the equipment you will need to register. To do this and find out more, go to [bromsgrove.gov.uk/shopmobility](http://bromsgrove.gov.uk/shopmobility)



## Garden Waste Collections

If you aren't able to compost your garden waste at home, and struggle to take it to the household recycling centre, we can help.

We can provide you with a 240ltr Brown wheelie bin, and collect it fortnightly during the growing season to give you up to 20 collections for only £46, and ensure that it is composted responsibly.

To check collection dates, find out more or sign up online go to [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/gardenwaste](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/gardenwaste)

- Direct Debit subscription
- Avoid trips to the tip
- Better for the environment



**Call 01527 881188 to sign up**

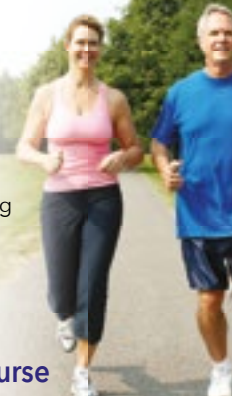
An individually tailored programme of physical activity for people experiencing a range of health problems.

## Healthy Horizons

**Programme includes:**

A combination of lifestyle advice and gentle to moderate exercise in a gym environment. Sessions are led by qualified exercise and health professionals providing benefits such as improving lifestyle, chances to socialise and creating pathways to continue participation after the programme.

**£17 for the 6 week course**



## Strong & Steady

Do you want to improve your balance and co-ordination?

Do you want to increase your strength, mobility and flexibility?

Do you want to improve your posture and stamina?

A light and enjoyable way to exercise and a great social group too!

Then this class could be just right for you - helping to improve all of those things.

**You can sign up for any of these programs by completing the self-referral forms on the council website.**

To find out more about other community exercise classes go to [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/activebromsgrove](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/activebromsgrove) or contact Sports Development on 01527 881356 or email [sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk](mailto:sd@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk).

# BROMSGROVE DOES

## YOU CAN RECYCLE



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|--|---|--|
| <b>1. Plastic Bottles* †</b><br>e.g. Shampoo bottles           | <b>5. Aerosols†</b><br>e.g. Deodorant cans      | <b>9. Cardboard</b><br>(Flatten boxes, no glitter) |
| <b>2. Plastic Pots*</b><br>e.g. Yoghurt pots                   | <b>6. Food Tins</b><br>e.g. Baked beans         | <b>10. Paper</b><br>(No glittery or foil wrap)     |
| <b>3. Plastic Tubs*</b><br>e.g. Quality Street tub             | <b>7. Drinks Cans</b><br>e.g. Fizzy drinks cans | <b>11. Glass Bottles†</b><br>All colours           |
| <b>4. Plastic Trays*</b><br>e.g. Meat trays<br>& fruit punnets | <b>8. Cartons†</b><br>e.g. Tetra Pak®           | <b>12. Glass Jars†</b><br>All colours              |

\*All colours except black † You can leave tops/lids/caps on

**All items must be rinsed clean  
& be loose in your green bin so it can be sorted.**

**If it isn't on the list above we can't accept it in the green bin.  
For a full A-Z list see [bromsgrove.gov.uk/recycling](http://bromsgrove.gov.uk/recycling)**

Bromsgrove & Redditch  
Energy Advice Service



**YES** energy  
solutions

## Free Energy Advice Keep warm for less this winter

YES Energy Solutions is delivering Bromsgrove District Council & Redditch Borough Council's Energy Advice Service - helping local residents save energy & money.

Plus, insulation & heating funding is available for eligible residents!



Call our team today on freephone: 03301 355 321

## Are you thinking of buying an electric car?



From Spring 2021, **13 NEW rapid electric vehicle chargers** will be installed at convenient locations across the **whole** District.

### Get prepared to Go Electric...

- Part of the nationwide GeniePoint network
- 100% renewable electricity supply
- Contactless payment via debit or credit card
- No connection fee, just pay as you go
- No memberships needed
- Discounts & dedicated bays for BDC registered taxi drivers\*

For more details & advice on electric vehicles, go to  
[www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/GoElectric](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/GoElectric)

\*Scheme funded by OLEV grant for taxi charging infrastructure



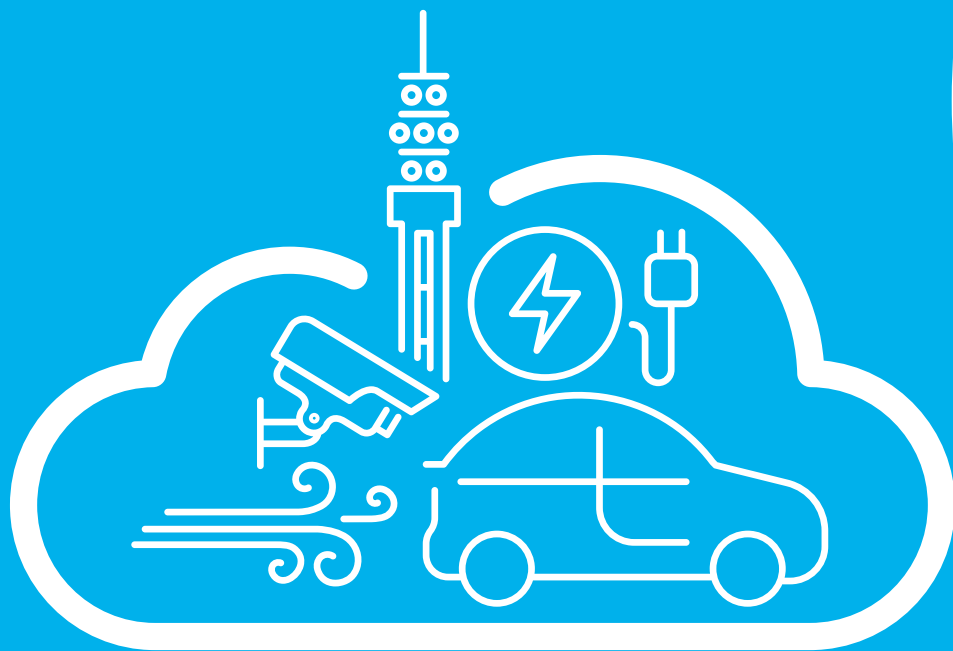
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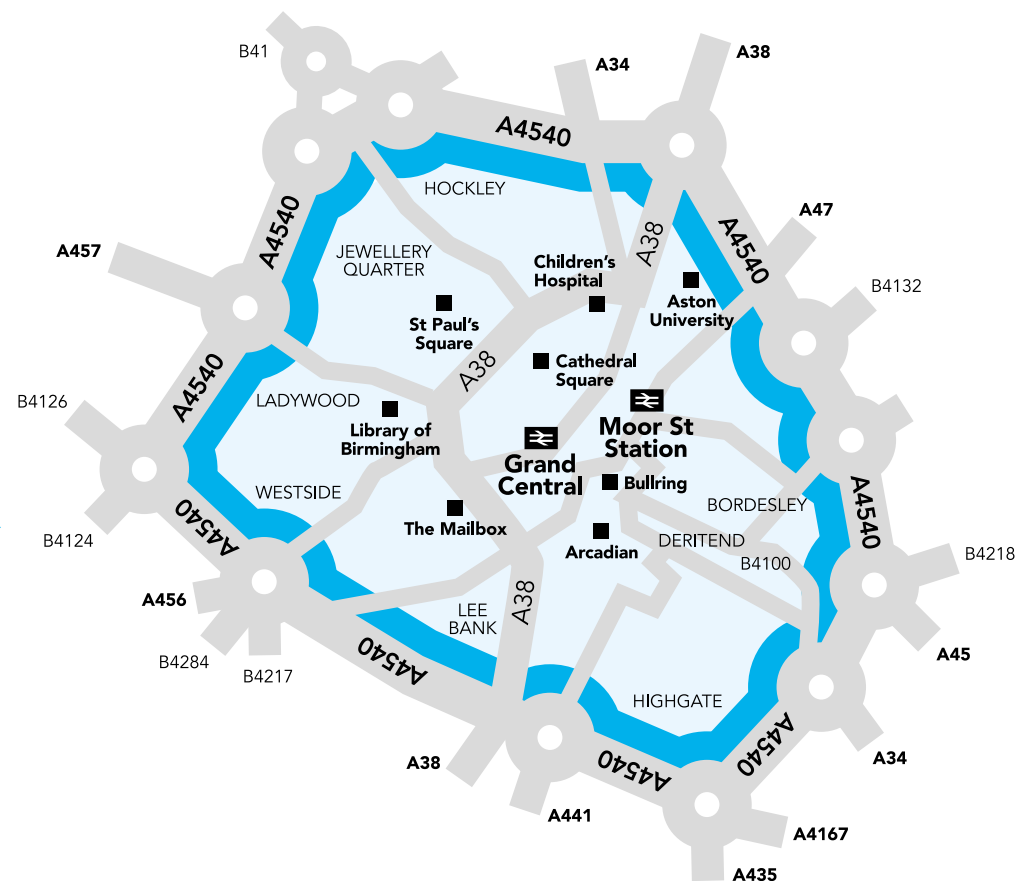
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# Birmingham's Clean Air Zone is coming...

**1 JUNE  
2021**

**#brumbreathes**



## Join the journey to cleaner air

From 1 June 2021, the owners of the most polluting vehicles will need to pay a daily charge to enter the Clean Air Zone.

Find out how it will affect you at:

[brumbreathes.co.uk](https://brumbreathes.co.uk)





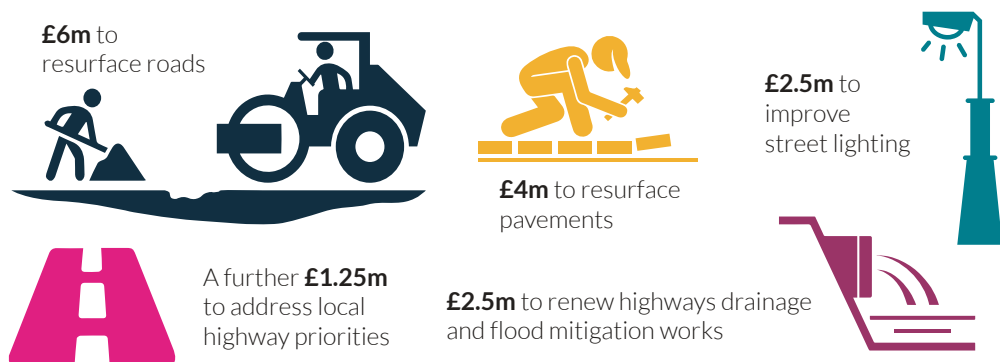
# Worcestershire County Council Budget 2021/22



## 2021/2022 expenditure

- Adult social care, public health and community services **£153m**
- Children's services **£107m**
- Economy & Infrastructure **£56m**
- Support services including Finance and Legal **£40m**
- Total: £356m**

## In response to what you have told us needs to be improved, we are investing in...



## We will continue to deliver:

Our **£10m** programme to reduce traffic congestion



**150,000** trees are to be planted in the county to develop sustainable woodlands



**£0.2m each year** to improve public transport in the county



The last year has been an exceptionally tough year for all of us. We are doing all we can to keep residents in Worcestershire safe, try to reduce the spread of the virus and support the most vulnerable in society.

Millions of pounds more have been invested into supporting local businesses through these very challenging times.

We recognise the difficulties that many households in Worcestershire are facing and because of that we are keeping our rise in Council Tax next year to 2.5%.

The increase is the equivalent to 63 pence per week for a band D property. This is lower than the increases that are being proposed in many areas and means that Council Tax rates in Worcestershire will remain amongst the lowest in the country for county councils.

We are planning to invest an extra £11.5 million (gross) into Adult Social Care to meet the needs of Worcestershire's ageing population. We are proposing to spend an additional £7.7m (gross) on improving outcomes for our children and young people.

Our budget for this coming year will also support the county's recovery from the pandemic. We plan to invest in those areas that residents have told us are most in need of improvement.

They include improving the county's roads and pavements, cutting congestion and improving public transport. We are also investing in schemes that will reduce the risk of flooding, improve our countryside walks and enhance the environment.

I know the months ahead will remain challenging and we will continue to do all we can to protect the vulnerable, support the local economy and maintain vital public services.

**Councillor Simon Geraghty,**  
Leader, Worcestershire County Council

## Protecting the most vulnerable

An extra **£7.7m** gross in 2021/22 to improve outcomes for our children and young people



An additional **£11.5m** gross invested into tackling the growing financial demands of an ageing population



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## Council Tax Valuation

Most owned or rented dwellings are subject to Council Tax, the amount you pay depends on the value of your property. The Valuation Office Agency (VOA) has placed each dwelling in one of eight valuation bands. These bands are based on the price a property would have fetched if it had been sold on 1st April 1991. Any increase or fall in a dwelling's value since then will not affect your Council Tax band.

Please note that the VOA has assessed the value of the properties and not the council. Your Council Tax bill tells you which band your dwelling is in. You can appeal against your valuation if:

- There is a material increase or reduction in the value of the dwelling
- You start or stop using part of the dwelling for business
- You have just moved in, but you must appeal within 6 months of your move
- The listing officer alters the band

If you think your band is wrong, contact the listing officer at Council Tax West, Valuation Office Agency, Overline House, Central Station, Blechynden Terrace, Southampton, SO15 1GW, ring 03000 501501 or visit the website [www.voa.gov.uk](http://www.voa.gov.uk)

## Discounts

The full Council Tax bill assumes that two adults live in a dwelling. If you are the only adult living in a property, your Council Tax bill will be reduced by 25%. You may also be eligible for a 25% discount if you or someone that lives with you falls into one of the following categories:

- A full time student, student nurse, apprentice, youth training trainee, or a non-British spouse/dependant of a student
- A permanent resident in a hospital or care home
- A person who is severely mentally impaired
- A person resident in a hostel or night shelter
- A person who is 18 or 19 years old and has just left school or college
- A resident care worker who is paid no more than £44.00 per week to provide care to the person they live with.
- A person caring for someone with a disability who is not their spouse, partner or child under 18 years of age.
- A member of visiting overseas forces, certain international institutions or certain religious communities.
- A person who is in prison (except those in prison for non-payment of Council Tax or a fine)
- A diplomat or member of an international organisation with UK headquarters

## Empty Home Discounts

A discount of 50% is applicable for the first 6 months in which a property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished. Entitlement to the discount begins on the date the property first becomes unoccupied and unfurnished and in order for a new period of discount to be granted there must be a minimum period of occupation of 6 weeks.

A discount of 100% may be granted where a property is unoccupied and substantially unfurnished and:

- It needs or is undergoing major repair works to make it habitable; or
- It is undergoing a structural alteration; or
- It has undergone major repair works to make it habitable and less than 6 months have elapsed since the date when the works were completed.

The 100% discount can only apply for a maximum period of 1 year; after which time the full Council Tax will become payable.

When a new property enters the valuation list for the first time then providing that it remains continually empty and unfurnished it will receive a 100% discount for the first three months, a 50% discount will be applied for the next 3 month period and after this time the full Council Tax charge will be payable.

## Exempt Dwellings

The list below is a summary of properties that are exempt from Council Tax:

- Left empty by students or school leavers
- Left empty by someone who has gone into prison or moved into a hospital, a residential care home or elsewhere to receive care
- Left empty by someone who has moved elsewhere to provide care for someone
- Empty and waiting for probate or letter of administration to be granted. Exempt for up to six months after the grant is made, then 100 percent charge applies
- Left empty by someone who is bankrupt or properties repossessed by a mortgage lender
- Occupied only by people under 18
- Occupied only by people who are severely mentally impaired
- Occupied only by students, or student halls of residence
- An unused caravan pitch or boat mooring
- Properties where occupation is prevented by law or by the actions of a local authority
- Waiting to be occupied by a minister of religion
- Part of a dwelling, such as an annexe or granny flat, which is empty and may not be let separately to the main home
- Occupied by members of visiting forces, certain international organisations, a foreign diplomat, or member of an international organisation with headquarters in the UK.
- Owned by the ministry of defence and held available for service personnel
- Any part of a property, such as an annexe or granny flat, which is occupied by a dependant relative of the family resident in the other part. The relative must be either; over 65 years of age, severely mentally impaired, or substantially and permanently disabled.

## Disabled Person Reduction

If you or someone who lives with you is disabled and because of their disability needs extra space in your property, such as an extra kitchen or bathroom or extra space because they use a wheelchair indoors, then you may be entitled to a reduced Council Tax bill. Contact us for more information.

**National Discount for Annexes**

If your property includes a main home and an annexe then you would usually pay Council Tax for both the main home and the annexe. You can now receive a 50% Council Tax discount for the annexe provided that it is either used by the resident of the main home as part of their home or it is used as the sole or main residence of a relative of the person living in the main home.

**Local Council Tax Support**

Council Tax Support – can provide help with some or all of your Council Tax. Whether you get help depends on your personal circumstances and your income and savings. Generally the more income and savings you have the less likely you are to qualify for help.

To claim you will need to complete a claim form, available from our website.

**Discretionary Reductions**

The council has a discretionary power to reduce the amount payable. The Council Tax can be reduced by any amount and the power can be exercised on a case-by-case basis or by determining a local discount.

A decision to reduce Council Tax using this power would usually only be made in exceptional circumstances.

**Claiming Discounts, Exemptions and Reductions**

If you think that you are entitled to a discount, exemption or reduction and it is not shown on your bill then please contact us.

If your bill shows a discount, exemption or reduction to which you are not entitled then please let us know straight away. If you do not let us know then you may have a penalty of £70, if you continue to fail to provide us with the correct information then you may have to pay a further penalty of £280.

**Instalment Scheme**

Your Council Tax is normally payable in 10 instalments; you have the right to request payment in 12 instalments. If you would like to pay in 12 instalments then you must request this in writing and the request must be received by the 15th April, however we recommend that you contact us by telephone to discuss switching.

**Appeals**

You can appeal if you consider that you are not liable to pay Council Tax – for example because you are not the resident – or because you believe your property is exempt. You can also appeal if you believe that we have made a mistake by not giving you a discount, or reduction to which you believe you are entitled.

Making an appeal does not allow you to withhold payment of Council Tax and you should continue to pay as requested in your latest Council Tax demand. If your appeal is successful any overpayment will be refunded to you.

Any appeal must be made in writing, we will then respond to you within 2 months, If you disagree with our response, or if we do not reply within 2 months then you may appeal directly to the Valuation Tribunal. Details are available on request from us or the Tribunal Office, Hepworth House, Unit 2 Trafford Court, Doncaster, DN1 1PN.

**Adult Social Care Information**

The Secretary of State made an offer to adult social care authorities. (“Adult social care authorities” are local authorities which have functions under Part 1 of the Care Act 2014, namely county councils in England, district councils for an area in England for which there is no county council, London borough councils, the Common Council of the City of London and the Council of the Isles of Scilly.)

The offer was the option of an adult social care authority being able to charge an additional “precept” on its council tax without holding a referendum, to assist the authority in meeting its expenditure on adult social care from the financial year 2016-17. It was originally made in respect of the financial years up to and including 2019-20. If the Secretary of State chooses to renew this offer in respect of a particular financial year, this is subject to the approval of the House of Commons.

**Financial Information**

Information relating to the relevant and previous financial years in regard to gross expenditure of the billing authority, precepting authorities and any body that has issued a levy on the billing authority or the precepting authority is available at [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk)

A hard copy of the information is available where requested in writing.

**Enquiries About Your Bill**

If you have any questions about your Council Tax bill:

Write to: Revenue Services, Bromsgrove District Council, Parkside, Market Street, Bromsgrove, Worcestershire B61 8DA.

Call: 01527 881671 between 9am and 5pm

Email: [revenues@bromsgrove.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@bromsgrove.gov.uk)

Visit Website: [www.bromsgrove.gov.uk](http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk)

# Thinking of extending, converting or building something new?



## Planning Permission may not be the only permission you need.

- **The Building Regulations** may apply to your project. If they do, by law this means a building control application needs to be submitted for the project.
- **Our role** is to ensure the building works undertaken on site are undertaken correctly and comply with the many requirements of the building regulations including means of escape, insulation, ventilation and structural stability etc.
- **North Worcestershire Building Control** is a shared council service for Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest Councils. Our aim is to make the building control application and site inspection process fast and efficient. We are happy to assist you, your builder and your architect if you have appointed one by offering a customer focussed service based on local knowledge, same day inspection services and fully qualified surveying teams.



Please call us to discuss your requirements on **01527 881402** or email us at **b.control@bromsgrove.gov.uk**  
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